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Thank you, Mr. President.

VIDES International, in collaboration with IIMA, are committed to the promotion and protection of children's and youth's rights in 94 countries.

As figures show¹, the age distribution of migrants generally peaks in the mid-to late-20s, furthermore, youth between the ages of 18 and 29 also account for a large proportion of international migrants, but there appears to be lack of sufficient policy to support migrant youth.

The Special Rapporteur suggests the eight Human Mobility Goals including human rights of all migrant workers and access to basic services such as education. As the World Youth Report² states, young migrants are more likely to lose their jobs both because of their low human capital and because they are often employed in substandard working conditions.

Therefore, VIDES and IIMA recommends Member States to

- Provide an increased enrollment of youth migrants in technical and vocational training, since it is essential to favor labor participation, productive employment in decent jobs and social integration for young people in society.
- Establish policies for increasing employment of youth migrants and create better access to decent job opportunities.

From a more general perspective, we would like to remind that if youth have access to conducive conditions to foster positive changes, youth have the potential to play a key role in human rights' implementation for the society at large.

Thank you, Mr. President.

¹ Youth Migration: Fact&Figures in the book "Migration and Youth: Challenges and Opportunities" 2014 UNICEF

² World Youth Report Published by the United Nations New York 10017, United States States of America